documents to prove their identity, were taken to the Battalion headquarters for varification. After verificatiou from district police, they were released the next day. They were neither tortured nor manhandled while in custody.

(b) On the nighf of 7st/2nd Decembers, 1990, during combing operation in the village Rahmaria to apprehend ULFA activists the troops were fired upon from one of the houses in the vicinity of the police station. As a result ail the houses were searched by the troops accompanied by the police personnel from Rahmaria police station. Two suspects were apprehended during the search operation. No policemen were either made to kneel down or humiliated in any manner.

(c) Does not arise.

Alleged rape by Army in Villages of Assam

1421. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURA-GOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few women and young girls of the villages Roadside Kapahua, Dhondanahar, Borjan, Bihupuria and Balijan in Assam, were raped by the army in the last week of November, 1990; and

(b) if not, what is Government's reaction to the allegations made by the victims themselves in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Magisterial enquiry was ordered and were found to be false. However, firm instructions already exist about the[x] exemplary punishment to those who would be found indulging in such cases.

Code of conduct for centre and states

1422. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Code of conduct both Central and State as stated in Parliament on 30th March, 1989 and as brought out by Centre Magazine August, 1989 issue;

(b) whether this Code is being followed both by Centre and State and whether the public will be given free access to this information; and

(c) what are the names of Minister Central/State-wise who have yet to fill in the Returns laid down for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government are aware of the Code of Conduct for Ministers (both Central and States) a copy of which was laid on the Table of the House in reply *to* Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3616 on 30th March, 1989 and a copy of which has also appeared in the August, 1989 issue of Central Magazine.

(b) and (c) A Code of Conduct for Ministers (both Central and States) was evolved by the Government in 1964. Under this Code, the Ministers of the Government of India are required to submit to the Prime Minister on their assumption of office and annually thereafter by the 31st March, a declaration of their assets and liabilities. The Chief Ministers of States are also required **o* submit similar declaration to the Prime Minister. The Ministers of the State Government are also required to submit to their Chief Minister* a similar declaraton. It has not been the practice to disclose the details of the declarations.